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1. Between 6:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. on 23 October, 8 boxcars with about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 3 field kitchens; 1 ambulance; 2 tank trucks:

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were unloaded at the Bernau (N 53/7 96) railroad station. The unit left toward Schönebeck.¹

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2. At 4:10 p.m. on 29 October, 24 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Oranienburg (N 53/7 77) freight station, coming from the direction of Löwenberg. Four of these boxcars with a total of about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the freight station. The troops went to the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen. At 4:20 p.m., the train departed toward Rüstermark.² At 11:10 a.m. on 4 November, 1 boxcar with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 T-34 tanks arrived at the freight station, coming from the direction of Templin. At 4:31 p.m., the train departed toward Rudolstadt.³ On 5 November, [redacted] was loaded at the freight station and, at 5:31 p.m., transported to Frenzla.

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3. On 23 October, 16 converted boxcars with about 350 recruits for [redacted] arrived at the Dallgow-Döberitz (N 53/7 65) railroad station, coming from Neustrelitz. On 25 October, 18 converted boxcars and, on 28 October, 16 converted boxcars and, on 3 November, 16 converted boxcars were dispatched at the railroad station for Altruppin. Each train transported about 350 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying plenty of baggage.⁴

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4. On 5 and 6 November, [redacted] in the guard room of the Adler Kaserne south of Highway No 103 in Doeberitz. The Löwen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne were occupied by recruits only. A worker said that the unit would return on 6 November.⁵

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5. On 5 and 6 November, the Flak Kaserne and the Olympisches Dorf north of Highway No 103 were occupied by Soviet soldiers. Preparations for 7 November were made everywhere. Lieutenant Colonel Boshko (fmu) and a general were seen in house [redacted] in the Olympisches Dorf.⁶

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6. In early November, source determined that the orderly room and the kitchen of the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Konov (fmu) who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were located in the former Gardestern inn west of Neues Lager north of Highway No 103.⁷
7. On 6 November, three AA gun emplacements with 85-mm AA guns were noticed at the Flugplatz Kaserne in Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66). Recruits were practicing on 12 x 37-mm AA guns and three other 85-mm AA guns at the airfield. A clothing inspection of recruits was held by Unit Chesnokov.⁸

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8. On 6 November, [] was seen in the guard room of the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in Lohagen (N 53/Z 81). The installation was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. []

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9. During the period from 30 October to 4 November, another 200 officers arrived for instruction courses at the Riegeschule at the intersection of Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee in Potsdam (N 53/Z 63). Prior to 4 November, all officers, men and women of the cadre personnel were transferred to another place in West Germany or sent to the U.S.S.R. They were replaced by 20 officers, 150 recruits and 60 women.¹⁰

10. On 3 November, about 200 officers were engaged in athletics in the western section of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne where they were billeted. Recruits and women were being drilled in the eastern section of the installation.

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11. On 23 October, two troop trains were at the Questen (N 52/D 66) railroad station. Each train was loaded with a unit with mortars of about 120-mm caliber towed to trucks. []

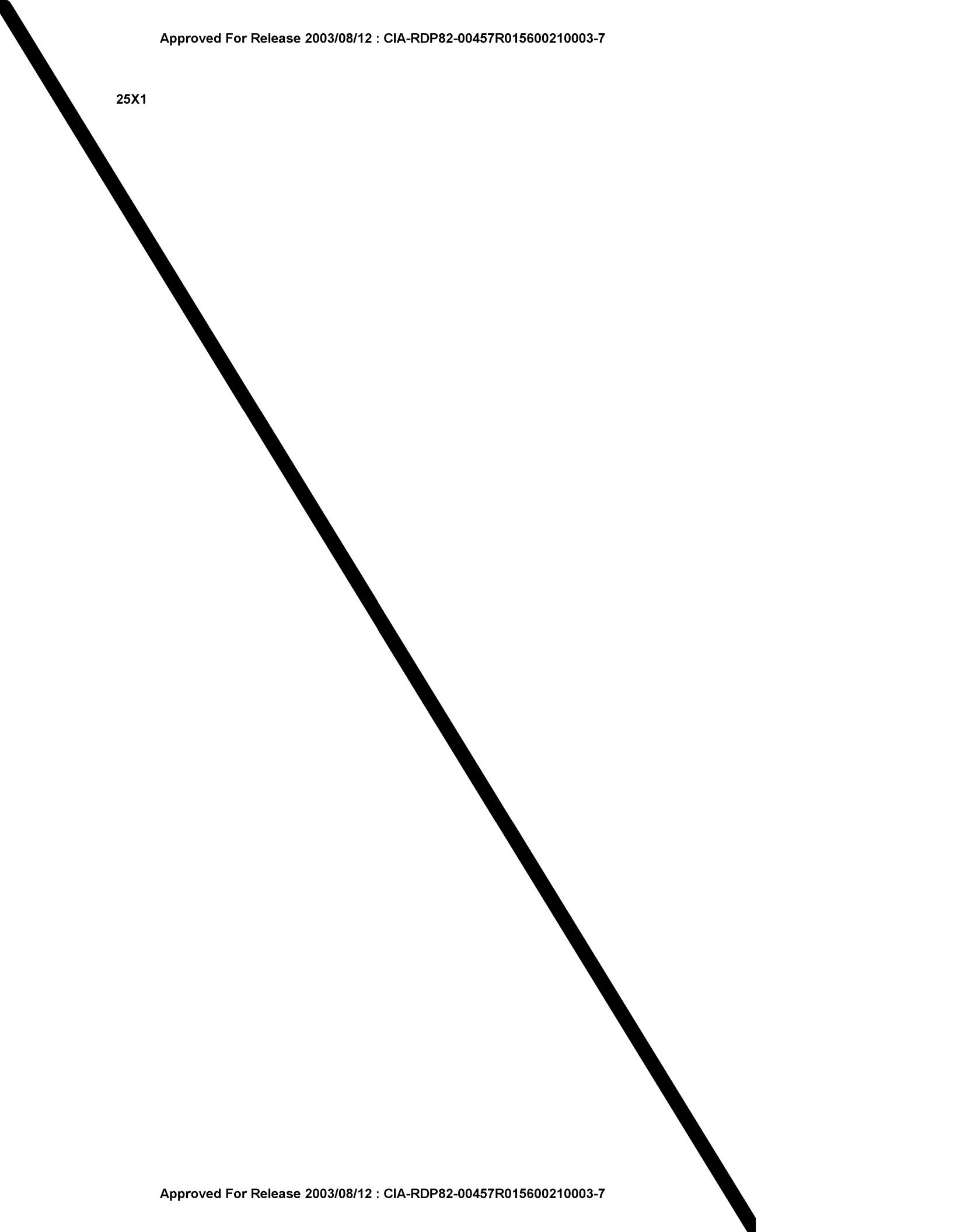
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[] Some trucks mounted AA machine guns. On 24 October, a troop train of 80 axles loaded with either T-34 tanks or JS-tanks stood at the railroad station.

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